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Subject: MLPAComments: Spearfishing Contests should not be allowed in SMCAs

As a former member of the Central Coast Region Stakeholders Group, I am very concerned about the new staff Package S which greatly dilutes the intent of the package I help craft (Package 3, the hybrid package) for the local Pacific Grove/Monterey area. While the hand harvesting of kelp from existing leases precludes us from designating the southern portions of Monterey Bay as reserves in some areas, allowing recreational fishing, particularly spearfishing contests would not constitute "protection" by any stretch of the imagination given that hundreds of pounds of large long-lived fish can be removed in a small area in a matter of hours.

I attended the City of Pacific Grove City Council meeting this week who were briefed on all the packages. They finally got the picture on why a SMR versus a SMCA designation with only kelp harvesting or minimal fishing was designated by some packages. There is quite a local effort underway to get the public behind a reserve designation for the area from the Monterey Breakwater to the Asilomar State Beach area. I think that all the hard work that has been done will unwind if Package 2 or 3 designations for this area are not adopted.

The same concerns apply for Carmel Bay and the area of the Pinnacles. We tried hard to accommodate all the concerns in our "hybrid" package and hope that these compromises are recognized in the final designations.

Please take serious note of these concerns in your deliberations. Package S does not address the local concerns for this controversy.

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